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Atty. Dkt.: 39-286

Date: August 4, 2003

Sir:

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: BULLIED, Neil J.

Entitled: PROCOLLAGEN ASSEMBLY

and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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34 pages of specification and claims (including 27 numbered claims), and
 8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

9704305.3

Great Britain

01 March 1997

PCT/GB98/00468

02 March 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/380,377, filed September 16, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/GB98/00468, filed March 2, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, Manchester, United Kingdom.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

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Title: PRO COLLAGEN ASSEMBLY

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34 Amendment
27 Pages Specification
8 Claims
Sheets Drawings: Formal _____
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Declaration (2 Pages)
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